

Claims:

1 1. Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable medium of a
2 computer, the code for generating a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface
3 comprising:

4 a plurality of room representations that each correspond to a room in a healthcare
5 facility, each of the room representations communicating a number of beds in a
6 corresponding room and identifiers of occupants of the beds in the corresponding room;
7 and

8 an area communicating at least one of admits, discharges, bed holds, and room
9 changes.

1 2. The computer executable software code of claim 1, the graphical user interface
2 further comprising historical information relating to a past location of occupants in the
3 facility.

1 3. The computer executable software code of claim 1, the graphical user interface
2 simultaneously displaying the plurality of room representations and the area.

1 4. The computer executable software code of claim 1, the area communicating admits
2 and discharges.

1 5. The computer executable software code of claim 1, the area communicating bed
2 holds.

1 6. The computer executable software code of claim 1, the area communicating room
2 changes.

1 7. The computer executable software code of claim 1, if one or more rooms of the
2 healthcare facility has no occupants, then the room representation corresponding to the one
3 or more rooms that have no occupants including an indicator representing that the one or
4 more corresponding rooms have no occupants.

1 8. The computer executable software code of claim 1, the room representations
2 including a series of adjacent blocks.

1 9. The computer executable software code of claim 8, the blocks each containing a
2 plurality of indicators that each correspond to a bed in the corresponding room.

1 10. The computer executable software code of claim 9, the identifiers including
2 occupants' names.

1 11. The computer executable software code of claim 1, the area communicating
2 admits, discharges, bed holds, and room changes.

1 12. Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable medium of a
2 computer, the code for generating a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface
3 comprising:

4 a plurality of room representations that each correspond to a room in a healthcare
5 facility, each of the room representations communicating a number of beds in a
6 corresponding room, identifiers of occupants of the beds in the corresponding room, and at

7 least one gender identifier representing the gender of one or more occupants in the
8 corresponding room.

1 13. The computer executable software code of claim 12, the gender identifier being at
2 least one of a first color and a second color, the first color corresponding to one or more
3 male occupants and the second color corresponding to one or more female occupants.

1 14. The computer executable software code of claim 12, the graphical user interface
2 further comprising:

3 a certification indicator designating beds of the healthcare facility that are certified
4 for reimbursement.

1 15. The computer executable software code of claim 12, the graphical user interface
2 further comprising:

3 an area communicating at least one of admits, discharges, bed holds, and room
4 changes.

1 16. Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable medium of a
2 computer, the code for generating a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface
3 comprising:

4 a plurality of room representations that each correspond to a room in a healthcare
5 facility, each of the room representations communicating a number of beds in the
6 corresponding room and identifiers of occupants of the beds in the corresponding room;
7 and

8 a certification indicator designating beds of the healthcare facility that are certified
9 for reimbursement.

1 17. The computer executable software code of claim 16, the certification indicator
2 including a border outlining room representations corresponding to rooms having beds that
3 are certified for reimbursement.

1 18. The computer executable software code of claim 17, the graphical user interface
2 further comprising:

3 at least one gender identifier representing the gender of one or more occupants in
4 the corresponding room.

1 19. The computer executable software code of claim 18, the gender identifier being at
2 least one of a first color and a second color, the first color corresponding to one or more
3 male occupants and the second color corresponding to one or more female occupants.

1 20. The computer executable software code of claim 16, the graphical user interface
2 further comprising:

3 an area communicating occupants that are eligible for reimbursement under a
4 health insurance program.

1 21. The computer executable software code of claim 20, the health insurance program
2 being a federal health insurance program.

1 22. A computer program product having computer-executable software code stored
2 thereon for use with a computer, the code comprising:
3 code that enables the computer to display a plurality of room representations that
4 each correspond to a room in a healthcare facility, each of the room representations
5 communicating a number of beds in a corresponding room and identifiers of occupants of
6 the beds in the corresponding room;
7 code that enables the computer to display in conjunction with said display of the
8 plurality of room representations an area communicating at least one of admits,
9 discharges, bed holds, and room changes;
10 code that enables the computer to display at least one gender identifier representing
11 the gender of one or more occupants in the corresponding room; and
12 code that enables the computer to display a certification identifier designating beds
13 of the healthcare facility that are certified for reimbursement.

1 23. The computer program product of claim 22, further comprising code that enables
2 the computer to display historical information relating to a past location of occupants in
3 the facility.

1 24. A method of displaying information relating to the census of a healthcare facility,
2 comprising:
3 displaying a plurality of room representations that each correspond to a room in a
4 healthcare facility, each of the room representations communicating a number of beds in a
5 corresponding room and identifiers of occupants of the beds in the corresponding room;
6 and

7 displaying an area communicating at least one of admits, discharges, bed holds,
8 and room changes.

1 25. The method of claim 24, wherein said displaying a plurality of room
2 representations and said displaying an area occur simultaneously.

1 26. The method of claim 24, further comprising:
2 displaying at least one gender identifier representing the gender of one or more
3 occupants in the corresponding room.

1 27. The method of claim 24, said displaying an area communicating admits.

1 28. The method of claim 24, further comprising:
2 displaying a certification identifier designating beds of the healthcare facility that
3 are certified for reimbursement.

1 29. The method of claim 28, said displaying a certification indicator including
2 displaying a border that outlines room representations corresponding to rooms having beds
3 that are certified for reimbursement.

1 30. The method of claim 24, said displaying an area communicating discharges.

1 31. The method of claim 24, further comprising:
2 displaying a location of occupants in the facility on one or more previous days.

1 32. The method of claim 24, further comprising:

2 displaying a numerical number of occupied beds, a numerical number of available
3 beds, and a numerical number of unavailable beds in the facility.

1 33. The method of claim 24, said displaying an area communicating bed holds.